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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
& S. B. REGISTRY

S. B. D. 2895

SECTION 2

Date December 22, 1931

Subject (in full) " EVENING POST" (" Vecherniya Pochta"), Russian Newspaper,

Made by D.S. Prokofiev

Forwarded by

The publishing of the " Evening Post" (" Vecherniya Pochta"), local Russian evening newspaper, the first issue of which appeared on November 11, 1931, ceased on December 5 owing, it is reported, to lack of funds.

Although it was anticipated that this newspaper would be of a pro-Soviet character and in spite of the various rumours which have been circulated regarding its editor's alleged co-operation with agents of the U.S.S.R., including V.A. Rover, local representative of the TASS Agency, - there is no evidence to this effect and the general contents of the newspaper in question were entirely of a non-political nature.

Information from a reliable source states that the funds for the publishing of the " Evening Post" were supplied to Ireobrajensky, the editor, by N.A. Kolesnichenko, local lawyer, who recently arrived here from Harbin. This individual forms the subject of file D.2787, concerning his previous connections with the bolsheviks in Vladivostok.

According to an article which appeared recently in one of the Russian newspapers in Harbin, it was mentioned that Kolesnichenko upon his arrival in Shanghai had established a law office in co-operation with Ireobrajensky and was connected with the newspaper " Evening Post". The article also denounced Kolesnichenko's former activity as Chief of Vladivostok police under the Bolshevist rule. It is believed that in connection with this article Kolesnichenko withdrew his financial support of the newspaper, which had no alternative but to cease publication.

A. Prokofiev
D.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

File
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Translation from Chinese

(Original on file)

There has appeared in Shanghai a Soviet publication entitled the "Evening Post" in which articles by the communist spies Kanin (vide report dated the 13th), Kliorin, Deeth (vide report dated the 18th) and a lawyer Presbrajensky who has been living in Shanghai for a long time and who has become a Soviet citizen. The paper was censored and subsidized by V. Rover. The paper is published in the Russian language, but it is intended to supplement it with a Chinese-English bilingual edition in time to come. In accordance with Rover's instructions the paper lends its support to all anti-Japanese movements. The editorial and printing departments of the paper are situated at No. 1620 Maining Road with a branch office at No. 269 Avenue Joffre.

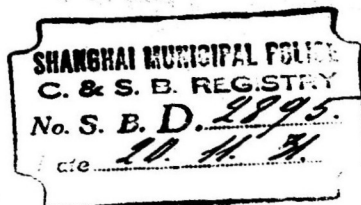
Extract from French Police Daily Intelligence
Report dated November 20, 1931

Para 9. N.P. Malinovsky, Russian journalist has no connection whatever with the publishing of the "Evening Post".

In contradiction to the information given in our report of November 16, 1931, p.1., para 2, we learn that N.P. Malinovsky, editor of the Russian newspaper "GOLOSS" (The Voice), although he had been invited by N. Ireobrajensky to participate in editing of his newspaper "Vecherniya Pochta" (Evening Post), refused to do so. He even refused to accept subscriptions to this newspaper at the office of "GOLOSS".

(Vide our report dated November 14, p.1., para 1.)

S.B.-D.2895



November

19,

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 14 and to inform you that the establishment of a newspaper entitled "Vecherniya Pochta" has been noted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. H. G." or similar.

Assistant Commissioner (Sp.Br.).
for Commissioner of Police.

H. Prokhorajensky, Esq.,

Bearn Apartments,

Flat 84,

267 Avenue Jeffre,

French Concession.

A handwritten signature, possibly "SBR", followed by the date "25/11." written diagonally.

N: PREOBRAJENSKY
LAWYER

BEARN APT., 267 AVE. JOFFE, FL. 24
TEL. 72496
SHANGHAI

Shanghai, November 14, 1931

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLI.
C. & S. E. REGISTR.

Date 14.11.31

The Secretary

Shanghai Municipal Council.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have from the 11-th instant established the daily Evening Newspaper "Vecherniya Pochta" with offices and printing press temporarily at 1620 Haining road, and the object is to furnish the Russian reading public with General news, Information, Stories, etc... without any political leaning. If it should publish any political articles, it will be decidedly anti-Soviet.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. Preobrazhensky
Editor.

17 NOV. 1931

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POLICE FORCE
FOR THE NECESSARY ACTION DIRECT.

Reg. II
Noted & returned
OK. 20/11

So. H
Passed to you
please
11/11/31

Reg. I
Please acknowledge
receipt and pay 500
to note before filing.

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French Concession of Shanghai
Service of Police
Political Section

November 14, 1931

Official Report on Communist and Foreign
Activities in China

Activity of Comintern and U.S.S.R. Agents

A new Russian newspaper appeared on November 11

The first issue of a new Russian evening paper, entitled "Vetchernaya Potents" (Evening Post), appeared on November 11. The publishing and printing office of the newspaper are located at 1620 Haining Road and a branch office has been installed at 732 Seymour Road (Publishing office of the Russian newspaper "Goloss", H.P. Malinovsky - vide our report dated October 17, 1931, p.8, para.12). Subscriptions for the paper and advertisements are accepted at Nos. 269 and 595 Avenue Joffre.

The chief editor of the newspaper is one N. Preobajensky lawyer, whose business dealings with the various local Soviet agents have frequently formed the subject of our reports.

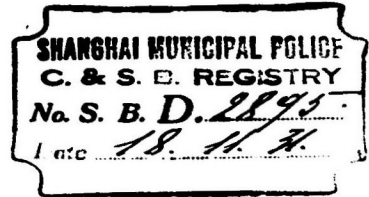
Preobrajensky is assisted by M. Kliorine, a journalist attached to the local representation of the "Tass" Soviet Agency, already mentioned in our preceding reports.

There is every reason to believe that this enterprise is connected with V. Rover, local representative of "Tass". It is to be recalled that Kliorine and I. Kounine have, on several occasions, brought forward the question of the publication of a Russian pro-Soviet newspaper in Shanghai, which project is said to have met with the approval of V. Rover (vide our report of October 10, p.2, para.5 and previous reports).

It should, however, be noted that the two first numbers of this newspaper, which we have in our possession, are in naive pro-Soviet in character, but have anti-Japanese tendencies.

Additional information regarding this publication will be given in our forthcoming reports.

Reg. / attach to file.
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Translation of extract from French Police Daily
Intelligence Report dated November 16, 1931.

ACTIVITIES OF AGENTS OF THE KOMINTERN AND OF THE U.S.S.R.

Para. 2 Supplementary information regarding the Russian newspaper "Evening Post".

Supplementary to the information given in our report of November 14, page 1, para. 1, the premises No. 269 Avenue Joffre, at which address subscription to the Russian newspaper "VECHERNIAYA POCHTA" (Evening Post) was received, according to announcement, - are occupied by a shop under the style of the "New Department Store". The premises No. 595 Avenue Joffre (another address given for receiving subscriptions) are occupied by the "Modes Parisiennes", a shop belonging to Mrs. Korniloff. Mrs. Korniloff states that she does not know anything regarding the newspaper and has no intention of receiving subscriptions for it. N.P. Malinovsky, Editor of the newspaper "GOLOS", officially joined the editorial staff of the "Vecherniaya Pochta" to assist N.A. Preobrajensky.

Reg. attach to file.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

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| SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE |
| C. & S. B. REGISTRY |
| No. <u>S.B.D. 2895</u> |
| SECTION <u>2</u> |
| Date <u>November 17, 1931</u> |

Subject (in full) "EVENING POST" ("Vecherniya Pochta"), Russian Newspaper.

Made by D.S. Prokofiev

Forwarded by *JSK*

A new Russian evening newspaper entitled the " Evening Post" (" Vecherniya Pochta") made its first appearance in Shanghai on November 11. The editor is Mr. N.A. Preobrajensky, lawyer who occupies an office at ^{Ha} 84, No 267 Avenue Joffre. A temporary editorial office has been established in the premises of the Yah Shing (亞興) Press, at No P-D 1621 Haining Road, by which concern the paper is printed.

In the leading article of the first issue which contains nothing of an objectionable nature, it is stated that the newspaper will be at the service of the interests of Russian emigrants, the principal aims being:-

- 1) Furnishing information of practical and business character to Russian emigrants arriving in Shanghai in quest of employment; etc.,
- 2) Establishing, in connection with the newspaper, of a Consultation and Information Bureau to render practical assistance on the lines indicated above.

N.A. Preobrajensky forms the subject of file No 1.0.7926, regarding his bolshevist leanings prior to coming to Shanghai in 1926. At that time he was reported to be in touch with the "Tass", Soviet Telegraph Agency, and was connected with this agency for some time. In 1928 he left for France on some political mission. He returned to Shanghai in 1929 after which he resumed his work with the "Tass" Agency. During the same year he obtained a post as assistant in Mr. Franklin Chiu's law office, No 21 Tsungchow Road. Here he worked until 1931 when he established his own law office at the above mentioned address. In 1929 he renounced his Soviet nationality and applied for and secured an Emigrant's passport from the Chinese Authorities.

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In view of Preobrajensky's previous connections with Soviet institutions it was anticipated that this newspaper would be of a radical nature, but a perusal of the first five issues reveals no signs of any "radicalism", the contents being rather of a non-political character.

G. P. Kofier

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S2,

Please keep in touch with a view to reporting in case the paper publishes pro Soviet or pro communist articles and pass to Registry to file.

The undermentioned are requested to note the instructions of the O/C S.B. 17/11/31.
S.S. Prokofiev 17/11 Noted G.P. S.S.R.
S.S. Makarov 17/11 r. Maf. 17/11.
S.S. Icheramalanovsky 17/11 J.Tch.

Reg. file. S.S.R. 17/11

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
Memorandum D. 2895.
POLICE FORCE.
Date 16. 11. 1925
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To Shanghai, D. O. 6

Sir

I beg to submit
attached for the information
of the Russian members of
the Special Branch.

The shop No 1620 is a
few doors E of the Station
Gate.

W Robertson

Officer in Charge Special Branch.
Information.
17/11. 2870/2.

N. PREOBRAJENSKY
LAWYER

BEARN APT., 267 AVE. JOFFRE, FL. 84
TEL. 72456
SHANGHAI

Shanghai, November 14-th 1931.

The Inspector
in charge of
Haining Road Station.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have from the 11-th Instant established the daily evening newspaper "Vecherniya Pochta" with offices and printing press temporarily at 1620 Haining road, and the object is to furnish the Russian reading public with general news, information, stories, etc., without any political leaning. If it should publish any political articles it will be decidedly anti-Soviet.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. Preobrajensky
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Editor.

* See also
S. 1647 & 10. 7926 & 9573.

"EVENING POST" ("Vecherniyaya Pochta")
Russian Newspaper.

ROVER, V. A.
Representative of TASS Agency

KOLESNICHENKO, N. A.
Local lawyer.

PREOBAJENSKY, N.
Lawyer

KLIORINE, M.
Journalist attached to "TASS"

KORNILOFF, Mrs.
Owner of "Modes Parisiennes"

MALINOVSKY, N. P.
Editor of newspaper "GOLOS"

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